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SUBJECT.

Window delivery of postal articles addressed to Durbar Offices

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FILE HEADING.

Window delivery of postal articles addressed to Durbar Officers.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Extracts from notes in d. R. file 380 of 10-11

(Letter from the Deputy Comr Chitaldrug No 479 dated 7th march 1911 re: purchase of certain bags at a cost of Rs 17/- for taking window delivery of tappals in the Post Office, forwarded by the Dist Comr

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Financial Secretary's Note:

As apparently most of the Deputy Commrs have not got window delivery tickets I do not think that the charge is necessary. Probably in other Districts they take delivery of the letters through a peon at the post office (though not in a closed bag) and that meets the requirements of the case.

Some offices of the State at Bangalore do pay for window delivery and if Govt desire to move the Govt of India to waive this charge the papers will be looked into and a draft put up. It will have to be seen whether such a concession is covered by the considerations which the Govt of India intended to show to Mysore when deciding to take up the postal operations within the State. But the amount involved seems to be too small to form the subject of a representation to the Govt of India by this State.

(Initd) J. S. C.
10/4/11.

x Only the Comptroller's Office (Civil Branch) as far as I know (Initd) J. S. C. 10/4/11.

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(Revn Commrs letter No. 12580 dt 12.6.11

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submits a copy of letter No. 802 dated the 3rd June 1911 from the Deputy Comr. Shimoga stating that the sanction of Govt was not obtained for the adoption of the window delivery system in the Distt as he was not aware of the necessity for such sanction and recommends that necessary sanction may be accorded for the expenditure already incurred and for the continuance of the arrangement in the Shimoga and the Chitaldrug Distts.)

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Note by the II Secy Branch I:

'If the system of window delivery is so useful, it may be introduced into all the important offices and the Resident may be addressed in order that we may obtain an exemption from the payment of fees'.

Do British Indian Officers get window delivery free of charge ? See Postal Guide and note

(Initd) C. S. B - 30. 6. 11

Rev. Branch Note:

"Section 27 of the Postal Guide deals with the question of window delivery

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To get delivery of tappals in a locked bag at the window of a post office, a fee of Re 1/- a month is charged and no exemption from payment of the fee seems to have been allowed.

The Post Master of Bangalore also states that no exemption is allowed under this section even in the case of Govt officers of British India".

"This is because the postal deptt is treated as a commercial deptt and, but for purposes of account, it would make no difference whether 'window delivery in Br. India was free or was charged for".
(Br. I Sl-Secy).

Note by Sl Secy Br. I Dt 5.7.11

"The only ground on which we can claim exemption is that as the Postal deptt is bound to carry and deliver Govt correspondence free of cost in virtue of the transfer of postal rights, this system which is intended to ensure safe delivery may be allowed as a special privilege to responsible Govt officers".

There is much convenience in an officer like the Dy Comr of a Distt getting his tappal in a locked bag from the Post Office. The arrangements made by the D.C's of Shimoga & Chitaldrug may be approved. It seems unlikely

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that the Govt of India will exempt our officials from the payment of fees.

(Sd) C. S. B
Dewan)
19.7.11

Dewan's Order

Yes. The general question had better be raised at once, and a draft submitted for approval. Under the old niche system the receipts were given. Under the present system the safety of letters is endangered not only by the absence of such receipts but also the ignorance of English in many cases on the part of Postal Delivery Peons. The bag system not only ensures safety and secrecy but also saves labour on the part of the Delivery peons. These and other arguments might be adduced.

21.7.11.

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Subd with a Dft to the Residency.

Dewan)
7.10.11

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for approval, the draft of a letter proposed to be addressed to the Residency, in the matter of Post Offices and Branch Offices in District and Taluk Head Quarters, being authorised to permit window delivery free of charge, to all officers of and above the grade of Amildars, of all official papers addressed to them.

(Sd) T.Ananda Row

31st October 11.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

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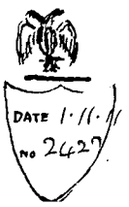

Draft letter to the Residency in the matter of allowing free window delivery of postal articles addressed to all officers of and above the grade of Amildars.

Order.

A P P R O V E D .

(Intld) K. R. W.
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Secretary

(Intld) T.A.R.
4th November 1911.

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Issue.

(Intld) C.S.B.
7-11-11.

(Intld) K.P.P.
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(Intld) H.V.N.
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1	Letter No. Pol. 426 dated the 11th Nov. 11 To A.A. Resident Request that the Post master General may be addressed to ~~all pos~~ issue instructions to all Post Offices in District and Taluk Head Quarters to allow window delivery, free of charge, to all Offices of and above the grade of Amildars of all Official papers addressed to them.
2	Letter No. 652 dated the 1st ~~February~~ Feby 1912 from the First Asst Resident — states in reply to the above that as the Concession in question is not given to Officials in British India, the Director General of the Post Office of India greatly regrets that he is unable to meet the Durbar's wishes in the matter.

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Subs

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Dewan)

It is not clear what further action may be taken. The matter may be dropped for the present.

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The matter may be dropped

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To Br I for perusal + return.

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Subd for Murder Secy for information.

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Diary No. of letter replied to G.O.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 11-11-1911

Signed by Mr. C. S. Balasundaram

To

The First Assistant

to the Hon'ble the Resident

in Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to state that at present all communications of an official nature addressed to Government Officers and received through the Post-Office are delivered either loose at the ~~window~~ window of the Post Office to messengers

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sent by the officers concerned or sent for delivery with the postmen in the usual course. Both these systems of delivery are attended with certain disadvantages. Where the tappal, by which is understood letters, post-cards, packets &c addressed to an officer, is delivered at the window loose, that officer can have no guarantee that all the tappal received to his address has been correctly delivered to him and it is not impossible for ~~the machinations of an~~ interested persons to tamper with the tappal ~~to be tampered with and effect the disappearance of~~ or to abstract important letters. Where the letters are left for delivery by the postmen in their usual rounds, there is in addition to the

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above risk, which it must be admitted that the general efficiency of the postal arrangements has reduced to a minimum, there cannot but be some delay in the delivery of the post to the officers concerned. Besides this, the postmen being often ignorant of English are apt to make mistakes in the delivery of letters. The system of window delivery therefore, by which the post office in consideration of a certain annual payment, undertakes to deliver in a locked bag at the window of the post-office all the postal received to a particular address, is both convenient and useful and has been adopted by some of the principal offices in the State. The Durbar consider that

but the fee that is ordinarily charged stands in the way of its being adopted by all the offices in the state

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it would conduce greatly to the safety of all Official communications and will also materially decrease the labour and responsibility thrown on the post-men, if the system of window delivery be is allowed to be adopted by all officers of and above the grade of Amildars in respect of Official communication. It may be pointed out that under the old Anche (Local Post) system prevalent in of the Mysore State prior to its amalgamation with the British Postal Department in 1889, the Anche Offices used to grant receipts to the senders of all unregistered letters, Official and private, when posted and also obtain written acknowledgments from..

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Under this system the addressees for the delivery of such letters to them, ~~which~~ ensured the safety of all postal ~~letters and~~ articles this privilege which can now be obtained by the Officers of the Durbar only on payment of the fee for registration, was enjoyed by them in respect of all official correspondence. According to the ~~conditions~~ terms under which the Postal Dept^t in Mysore was transferred to the British Government in 1889, the Durbar are entitled to have their whole official correspondence carried within the limits of Mysore free of charge and the Durbar ~~feel justified~~ ~~any question that~~ it may be presumed that there ~~can~~ be no objection to their ~~the circumstances in~~ claiming the benefit of all the facilities which have

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been provided by the Postal Department for the safe and prompt delivery of letters, complaints etc. When the request does not involve any additional expenditure by the postal department. ~~further special expenditure by the postal department in~~ ~~forwarding their mails~~ I am therefore to request you will be so good as kindly to address the Post Master General to issue instructions to all post offices & branch offices in District and Taluk Head Quarters to allow window delivery free of charge to all officers of and above the grade of Amildars, (a list of whom will be furnished if necessary) of all official papers addressed to them. In such a case the dunbar will provide the necessary bags & other accessories. The Dunbar attending need no increase of work to the Post Office establishment as instead of the Postal articles being sorted into the beats of a delivery peon they will be sorted straight into the delivery bag.

I have etc

Sd/-

Sd/- Secretary

To

The Collector

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Fair Dft

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GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 11-11-1911.

FROM

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER, ESQ., B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments.

To

P. B. WARBURTON, ESQ., I.C.S.,
First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to state that at present all communications of an official nature addressed to Government officers and received through the Post office are delivered either loose at the Post office window to messengers sent by the officers concerned or sent for delivery with the postmen in the usual course.Both these systems of delivery are attended with certain disadvantages. When the tappal,by which is understood letters,post cards,packets etc addressed to an officer is delivered at the window loose,that officer can have no guarantee that all the tappal received to his address has been correctly delivered to him and it is not impossible for

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for interested persons to tamper with the tappal or to abstract important letters. Where the letters are left for delivery by the postmen in their usual rounds there is in addition to the above risk, some delay in the delivery of the post to the officers concerned. Besides this, the postmen being often ignorant of English are apt to make mistakes in the delivery of letters. The system of window delivery therefore, by which the post office in consideration of a certain annual payment undertakes to deliver in a locked bag at the window of the post office all the tappal received to a particular address is both convenient and useful but the fee that is ordinarily charged, stated, in the way of its being adopted by all the offices in the State. The Durbar consider that it would conduce greatly to the safety of all official communications and will also materially decrease the labour and responsibility thrown on the post-men if the system of window delivery is allowed to be adopted by all officers of and above the grade of Amildars in respect of official communications. It may be pointed out that under the old Anche (Local post) system prevalent in the Mysore State prior to its amalgamation with the British Postal Department in 1889, the Anche offices used to grant receipts to the senders of all unregistered letters, official and private when posted and also obtain

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written acknowledgments from the addressees for the delivery of such letters to them. This ensured the safety of all postal articles. Under this system the privilege which can now be obtained by the officers of the Durbar only on payment of the fee for registration, was enjoyed by them in respect of all official correspondence. According to the terms under which the Postal Department in Mysore was transferred to the British Government in 1889, the Durbar are entitled to have their whole official correspondence carried within the limits of Mysore free of charge and it may be presumed that there can be no objection to their claiming the benefit of all the facilities which have been provided by the Postal Department for the safe and prompt delivery of letters, when compliance with the request does not involve any additional expenditure to the postal Department .

I am therefore to request that you will be so good as to address the Post Master General to issue instructions to all post offices and branch offices in District and Taluk Head Quarters to allow window delivery free of charge to all officers of and above the grade of Amildars, (a list of whom will be furnished ff necessary) of all official papers addressed to them. In such a case the Durbar will provide the necessary bags and other accessories .

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The Durbar apprehend no increase of work to the Post office establishment as instead of the postal articles being sorted into the hands of a delivery peon they will be sorted straight into the delivery bag.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) C. S. Balasundaram Iyer

Offg.Secretary to Government.

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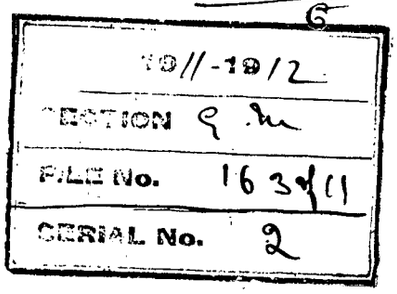
FROM

P. B. WARBURTON, ESQ., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

DIARY No. 3236



The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 1st February 1912.

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SIR,

With reference to Mr. Balasundaram Iyer's letter No. 426 Pol., dated the 11th November 1911, regarding the introduction in the Post offices in Mysore of the system of window delivery of all official papers addressed to officers of and above the grade of Amildars, I am directed to say that, as this concession is not given to officials in British India, the Director General of the Post office of India greatly regrets that he is unable to meet the Durbar's wishes in this respect.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P B Warburton

First Assistant Resident.

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